

□ WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear stance on the topic with a strong thesis statement
- Good attempt at presenting multiple supporting points

Weaknesses: Logical flow → Your opening lacks smooth transitions between ideas. The jump from "livestock sky rocket" to "dry barren rock" feels abrupt. Your phrases like "so called vegans now destroying the planet" need more context to support this claim.

Exemplar: *The increasing number of vegans has led to an unexpected consequence: as fewer animals are consumed for food, livestock populations have grown dramatically, leading to severe environmental impacts.*

#2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Good attempt at explaining cause and effect
- Clear focus on environmental impact

Weaknesses: Development of ideas → Your paragraph presents an oversimplified view. When you write "rip out all the soil on Earth," you make broad claims without showing how this would happen. Your reasoning needs more steps to help readers understand the connection.

Exemplar: *Domesticated animals like cows and goats consume large amounts of vegetation. Without proper population control through farming, these animals would multiply rapidly, leading to overgrazing in many areas.*

#3 (Fourth paragraph) Strengths:

- Good use of an example (cat on an island)
- Attempt to link ideas to real-world situations

Weaknesses: Clarity of argument → Your argument about exotic animals jumps between different ideas without clear links. The connection between "vegans" and the cat example isn't clearly explained. Your writing needs smoother transitions between these ideas.

Exemplar: *The growing population of domestic animals poses a serious threat to native wildlife. When domestic animal numbers aren't controlled, they can overtake natural habitats and endanger local species.*

■ Your piece shows good potential but needs more development in several areas. You've made a bold attempt to argue your position, but your arguments need stronger connections. Try breaking down your big ideas into smaller, clearer points. Also, focus on explaining one idea fully before moving to the next. You could improve your second paragraph by showing step-by-step how animal populations affect vegetation. Your fourth paragraph would be stronger if you linked your cat example more clearly to your main argument. Additionally, try adding clear topic sentences at the start of each paragraph to guide your readers. Your conclusion could be stronger by briefly restating how each main point supports your argument.

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Section 2:

Animal rights: Should people stop eating meat?

People watch in ignorance as ~~livestock sky rocket~~ [livestock numbers skyrocket] out of control. Natural landscapes full of dry barren rock; ~~no longer a fruitful place~~ [are no longer fruitful places] full of vegetation. #1 ~~The so-called~~ [The so-called] "vegans" now destroying the planet where no unique animal can survive. All native species are wiped out and cleared from existence. Should people really stop eating meat? People need to accept the truth: without eating meat domestic animals will overgraze the earth, domestic animals will be in uncontrollable numbers, and unique animals will not survive if domestic animals are not controlled.

#2 Without eating domestic animals, creatures such as cows, chickens, and goats ~~will rip out~~ [will consume] all the soil on Earth. Cows, chickens, goats and many other domesticated animals require vegetation to prosper, reproduce and thrive. With "vegans" ignoring meat, ~~these animal will require more attention to as their livestock will not deplete~~ [these animals will require more attention as their numbers will not decrease]. With these animals' diet of vegetation, many places once abundant with grass ~~will no become~~ [will now become] rocky barren deserts. As a result, ~~without eating domestic animals will cause~~ [not eating domestic animals will lead to] a lack of vegetation on Earth.

Domestic animals will become uncontrollable due to the amount of "vegans". With a lack of people eating animal meat, the reduction rate ~~on~~ [of] animals is slowing down dramatically with each coming year. The more people ~~are turning~~ [turn] vegan, the less meat the butchery is going

to use due to the waste of resources and other supplies. This will lead to an extensive increase in domestic animals that serve no other purpose than being nomadic. This will lead to an explosion rate of domestic animals as more animals are being reproduced.

#3 A number of exotic animals will not survive the invasion of domestic animals. Many of the ~~worlds~~ [world's] most exotic creatures are herbivores or omnivores meaning they all have a common factor of eating vegetation. However, with the ~~increase~~ [increased] population of domesticated animals due to the lack of butchering animals[,] This will significantly affect national animals at hand. For example, a book called "cat on an island" features a vicious cat devouring all the "Stephen island wrens" who are unable to protect themselves thus, they become extinct. On the other hand, if the population didn't give into being a ~~"vegans"~~ ["vegans"], we would be able to save these species because we can control ~~they~~ [their] wildness predators. If people were "vegans" a significant number of unique animals would be wiped out and extinct.

In conclusion, refusing to eat meat will: lead to an overpopulation of domestic animals, domestic animals will become uncontrollable, and many unique and endangered species of animals will not survive and will likely be wiped out. For all those reasons, I think people should continue to eat meat.

□ WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Strong emotional hook using personal experience
- Clear connection to the main argument

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped scenario → Your opening scenario focuses heavily on negative emotions but misses opportunities to build a stronger connection to your main argument about participation trophies. Phrases like "being humiliated by your friends" and "silence hanging heavily" create emotion but don't effectively link to your solution.

Exemplar: ***Imagine finishing fourth in a marathon - just missing out on a trophy despite months of training. While your friends celebrate their victories, you question whether the current system truly recognises your dedication and effort.***

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear topic sentence
- Good attempt at providing reasoning

Weaknesses: Circular reasoning → Your argument repeats the same point without deepening understanding. You write "participation should be valued above competition" and conclude with nearly identical wording: "we can ensure participation is always valued above competition." This creates a loop rather than building your case.

Exemplar: ***Participation deserves recognition because it encourages more people to join sports, creates an inclusive environment, and helps build lasting friendships among participants.***

#3 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths:

- Addresses a specific concern (rivalries)
- Attempts to explain consequences

Weaknesses: Unclear cause-effect relationship → Your reasoning about how trophies prevent rivalries needs more detail. The statement "they won't be able to indicate or compare who specifically did better" doesn't clearly show how this stops unhealthy competition.

Exemplar: ***When everyone receives recognition, players focus more on personal improvement and supporting each other rather than trying to prove their superiority, which naturally reduces hostile rivalries.***

■ Your persuasive piece would be stronger if you shared more real examples from school sports or community events. Additionally, you could improve your argument by showing how participation trophies help build confidence and encourage more students to try new sports. Your second paragraph needs more specific examples about how celebrating participation creates better friendships. Also, try adding more details about how recognising everyone's efforts helps create a positive environment in your school. Your final paragraph could be stronger by explaining how participation trophies have helped other schools reduce competition pressure. Remember to link each paragraph back to your main idea about why everyone deserves recognition.

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~~Image~~ [Imagine] you run a Marathon, 4th place again just short of a trophy. How disappointed you feel after being 4th for another time. Being humiliated by your friends. ~~The silence hanging heavily in the air as you remorse how you lost by simple tasks like getting distracted.~~ [The heavy silence reminds you of how simple distractions led to your loss.] No matter how hard you try, that shiny cup is never yours. Everyone deserves a trophy and this is because: participation should be valued over competition, everyone has given hard work into doing their best, and stops unhealthy rivalry. #1

Participation should always be valued above competition. This is because people have taken their time out of their schedule to participate in these events. ~~The events should encourage everyone to get involved not just for winning prizes.~~ [These events should encourage everyone to participate, not just focus on winning prizes.] For example, when everybody wins it is a celebration for everyone and nobody is left out. This will definitely foster more strong friendships and have a positive footprint for the rest of their lives. By ensuring everyone gets a trophy, we can ensure participation is always valued above competition. #2

Everyone tries their best no matter what competition it is. We should definitely respect people of [for] their abilities and encourage them to do better. This provides a more positive environment as we are pushing each other to the limit. For example, studies have shown that we work best in a positive environment where everybody helps each other out. Everyone should get a trophy because everyone tries their best no matter how difficult it is and they deserve a small prize for their efforts.

~~With everyone having a trophy, it stops unhealthy rivalries.~~ [Giving everyone a trophy helps prevent unhealthy rivalries.] Many people start unhealthy rivalries because they are evenly

matched in skill and want to compete against each other. However, sometimes things can get a bit ~~over board~~ [overboard] leading to unhealthy rivalries. Nevertheless if everyone gets trophies, they won't be able to indicate or compare who specifically did better in what and where reducing the amount of unhealthy rivalries. This will maintain a positive environment and a place where everyone is recognised regardless of skill level. So with everyone having a trophy, this will dramatically reduce unhealthy rivalries. #3

In conclusion, implementing a system where everyone gets a trophy will: make participation valued over competition, recognise everybody tries their best, and it will deplete a lot of unhealthy rivalries. For all those reasons, I think in sports we should have trophies for everyone regardless of skill level or ranking.

□ WRITING PIECE 3

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph - introduction) Strengths:

- Your hook effectively creates imagery through the sea turtle's perspective
- Your clear thesis statement outlines three main arguments

Weaknesses: Emotional Appeal Imbalance → Your opening relies heavily on emotional language without balanced reasoning. Phrases like "innocent sea turtle" and "vicious only to discover" could be more impactful if combined with clear facts about plastic pollution's effects.

Exemplar: *Imagine being a sea turtle, peacefully gliding through coral reefs when you spot what appears to be a feast of jellyfish. As you approach, the devastating truth becomes clear - these are not jellyfish at all, but deadly plastic bags floating in your once-pristine home.*

#2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Your topic sentence clearly states the main idea about marine life
- Your use of specific examples helps support your argument

Weaknesses: Limited Solution Development → You state "we should definitely ban plastic" but don't explain how this ban would work or what alternatives exist. The paragraph ends abruptly without fully exploring the solution.

Exemplar: *Banning single-use plastics and replacing them with eco-friendly alternatives would significantly reduce ocean pollution, giving marine animals a better chance of survival in their natural habitat.*

#3 (Fourth paragraph) Strengths:

- Your connection between plastic pollution and human health is relevant
- Your cause-and-effect structure shows clear reasoning

Weaknesses: Argument Depth → Your discussion about human health effects needs more detailed examples. The connection between "fish have already eaten plastic" and "our stomachs to throb and ache" needs clearer linking.

Exemplar: *When fish consume plastic, these harmful materials enter our food chain. As we eat contaminated seafood, the toxic chemicals from plastic can cause serious health problems, from digestive issues to long-term illness.*

■ Your persuasive piece shows good potential with a clear structure and passionate argument. To make it stronger, you could add more specific examples about how plastic bans have worked in other places. Also, you could explain what people can use instead of plastic in their daily lives. Your paragraphs would be more convincing if you added real-life examples of how plastic affects different sea creatures, not just sea turtles. Additionally, you could make your ending stronger by telling readers what they can do to help solve the plastic problem. Your piece would benefit from showing both sides of the argument before explaining why your view is better. Taking time to explain how shops and people can cope without plastic would make your argument more believable. Focus on making each paragraph flow better into the next one.

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Section 2:

The environment: Should plastic be banned?

#1 Imagine you are a [an] innocent sea turtle. Casually swimming through the coral reefs when you see a huge smack of dinner. ~~Jelly fish~~ [Jellyfish]; your favourite snack and you cannot get tired of eating. ~~The closer you approach this huge smack of jelly fish, the more you don't believe it.~~ [As you approach this huge smack of jellyfish, you become increasingly suspicious.] Suddenly, the sun casts eerie glows onto these too good to seem true ~~jelly fish~~ [jellyfish] and you start chopping them down ~~vicious~~ [viciously] only to discover you are suffocating with plastic. Your head ~~throbbing from head to toe~~ [throbbing painfully] and your lungs grasping for the unreachable air. Plastic must definitely be banned and this is because: innocent wildlife are dying, it is harmful for the environment, and also is harmful for us humans.

#2 Each year, thousands of innocent fish are dying ~~to~~ [from] plastic or microplastic and this is because of the tons of plastic we throw into the ocean each year. When a country doesn't have good waste management, they will often dump trucks of rubbish into the ocean killing thousands of sea life each day. Studies have shown that around 250 million metric tons of plastic are being thrown and tossed casually into the ocean and around 1 million guiltless marine animals are being suffocated or choked by plastic. This is why we should definitely ban plastic so we can ensure the protection of many animals. By banning plastic, we can save thousands of fish from dying each year.

Not only is marine life affected by plastic, the environment is also affected critically. Plastic isn't easy to recycle and doesn't biodegrade meaning it takes up to 1000 years to break down a small shopping bag we used at Woolworths. Studies have shown that breaking down plastic not only

takes a long time and ~~occupy~~ [occupies] vast areas of land, but also makes the soil on Earth less fresh and more toxic. The effects don't stop there though. It makes our waterways poisonous and adds greenhouse gas into the atmosphere. By banning plastic, we can also help the environment recover into a better state than it is now.

#3 Plastic also affects humans negatively. This is because fish ~~is~~ [are] 6% of our yearly protein gain and because the fish have already eaten plastic, it digests into microplastic causing our stomachs to throb and ache. This also leads to contamination of water and waterways being clogged with unhealthy sewage. The contaminated water also contains toxic chemicals that will lead to severe headaches. By banning plastic, we can ensure us humans are protecting our health.

In conclusion, we should without a doubt ban plastic because it causes innocent marine life to die, it negatively affects the environment, and it damages ~~us humans~~ [our] health too. For all those reasons, I strongly believe we should ban plastic.